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**Sent:** Tue 1/14/2014 8:34:23 PM  
**Subject:** FYI FW: Fact Check for NYT - PLEASE RED

Priscilla checking.

**From:** Davis, Alison  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 14, 2014 3:33 PM  
**To:** Flattery, Priscilla; Strauss, Linda; Gillis, Chris  
**Subject:** Fact Check - PLEASE RED

Put ahead of the other request please. Alisha asking.

**From:** Asfour, Nana <Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 14, 2014 1:06:15 PM  
**To:** Milbourn, Cathy  
**Subject:** URGENT: Fact-checking article on the WV water contamination

Dear Cathy,

I am a fact-checker at the New Yorker magazine and I'm working on an article about the water contamination in West Virginia for our online version. I would like to confirm that the following information on MCHM, the chemical leaked into the water, is accurate:

**\*\*MCHM is one of the 62,000 chemicals that were already in use when TSCA, the country's main chemical safety law, was passed in 1976.**

**\*\*All of these chemicals were presumed to be safe, and EPA was not required to determine their safety.**

\*\*To require testing of these chemicals under TSCA, EPA must first provide evidence that the chemical may pose a risk.

I hope you can get back to me soon. We would like to publish this article this afternoon.